

Voluntary Retirement Scheme in 1997-98 to reduce the surplus Manpower in ECL, BCCL and CCL was also covered in the year 2000-2001. The Government is offering attractive benefits under VRS to protect the interest of CIL employees. The details of the persons covered under VRS and amount sanctioned & utilised are given as under.

Year	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002
VRS Target	4800	7600	6600	8000	11500
Amount Sanctioned (Rs. in Crores)	80	160	165	180	250
Amount Utilised (Rs. in Crores)	75.33	151.03	158.51	140.02	(Provisioned)
Persons	4312	8063	7703	6206	

Government Security to Film Artists

1841. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of top film artists who have been provided Government security, as on date;

(b) the category under which they have been provided and whether they are paying service charges for this security; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) 14 top film artists have been provided Government security in the country.

(b) and (c) Security is provided on the basis of threat assessment and security categorisation keeps on changing according to the nature of threat perception. At present only four film artists bear the expenditure for their security.